SUBJECT No. 71.

Compulsory Registration.

Mr H. Krishnappa, Law Association Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—Documents evidencing sales of immovable property worth less than Rs. 100 and documents evidencing mortgages of immovable property of over Rs. 50 and below Rs. 100 may be made compulsorily registrable.

Mr. K. Ramanujiengar supported the suggestion as preventing fraud and forgery. Messrs. Amble Anniah Pandit, H. Sura Sastri and Raghvachar opposed it as causing inconvenience to villagers on account of the distance of their villages from taluk head-quarters.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 72.

Release of encumbrances of properties to be noted in the Sub-Registry offices.

Mr Sringri Chikka Nanjappa, Tiptur taluk

Summary of discussion.—Affidavits to be presented to civil courts in regard to immovable property to be proceeded against require a certificate whether the property is encumbered. In Sub-Registry offices, information as regards the encumbrances of the property is available, but information as regards its release from the same is not available. It is therefore requested that the registering of the release of such encumbrances in the Sub-Registry offices may be made obligatory.

Messrs. H. Krishnappa and Karnik Krishnamurti Rao, opposed the proposal as inconvenient and as every endorsement of discharge on a bond would have to be registered.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 73.

Reduction of registration fees.

Mr D. Srikanta Rao, Devanhalli taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It will be highly appreciated by the public, if the existing rate of fee for registering documents, etc., be modified and a reduced fee prescribed instead.

The present rates are as given below:—

Amount Rs.	Fee Rs.	Amount Rs.	Fee Rs.
50	0 8 0	300 to 500	3 0 0
100	1 0 0	500 to 1,000	4 0 0
200	2 0 0	and for every additional 1,000	
300	3 0 0	a fee of Rs. 2	

The proposed rates are as follow:—

Amount Rs.	Fee Rs.	Amount Rs.	Fee Rs.
50	0 8 0	250 to 300	3 0 0
100 to 150	1 8 0	300 to 500	3 0 0
150 to 200	2 0 0	500 to 1,000	4 0 0
200 to 250	2 8 0	and for every additional thousand, a fee of rupee one.	

By this change transactions will increase and both Government and the public will be benefited.

Reply of Government.—The new rates sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings Camp No. J. 4-12, dated 23rd October 1912, were read out to the members.

SUBJECT No. 74.

Abstracts of registered documents in respect of immovable property to be furnished to the village officials.

Messrs. M. Venkataramaiya, Surappa and Narasimhegowda, Channarayapatna taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Documents pertaining to transactions of immovable property are registered in the Registration department, and as no information will be available with the village officials, scope is afforded for practising deceit and for criminal and civil actions. To remedy this, pray that an order be issued to the Registration department, to furnish a brief abstract, showing the names of parties, the villages and the property concerned, to the village officials.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 75.

Copying documents in registration offices.

Messrs. M. L. Narasimhachar, Hassan District Board, and K. Ramanna, Hole-Narsipur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Registration Officers copy only the body of a document when it is registered in their books kept for that purpose and they do not copy out the stamp vendor's endorsement made on the stamp paper containing the document. When a copy of a document so registered is taken from the Registrar's office, it does not show the number and date on which it was sold or the name of the vendor and the purchaser. Pray therefore that orders be issued to fully copy out the endorsement of the vendor in the books of the registration office.

Reply of Government.—Will be done.

SUEJECT No. 76.

Re-organisation of the Police Department.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Police department may be thoroughly re-organised and made a technical department. The Officers of other departments, such as, Revenue, Excise, etc., may not be drafted into this department.

This was considered along with subject No. 77.

SUBJECT No. 77.

Increase of pay to police constables.

Messrs. Ramachandrappa Dube, Kumsi sub-taluk, and Chikbadappa, Sira taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The present low pay of the police constables is not sufficient to maintain them, considering the important and onerous duties they have to perform. A small increase of pay is very desirable, considering the high prices of food stuffs prevailing all round the year.

The members said that officials of each grade should have prospects of rising to higher appointments and that transfers to the Police department from other departments should be stopped.

Reply of Government.—Noted. Provision has been made for improving the prospects of the police force in the cities of Bangalore and Mysore.